

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 9, 2005. Upon entry of this response, claims 33-47 remain pending in the present application.

I. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claim 62 and claim 73 because two claims each are numbered as 62 and 73. Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants have elected the group II of claims. Accordingly, the objections to claim 62 and claim 73 are moot as these claims are withdrawn. However, the Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of groups I and III in one or more divisional applications in the future.

II. Election/Restrictions

As mentioned above, responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants have elected group II of claims, namely, claims 33-47. As a result, claims 1-32 and 48-55 of group I, and 56-78 of group III have been withdrawn. However, the Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of groups I and III in one or more divisional applications in the future.

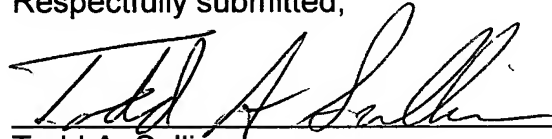
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing elections, the Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and restrictions have been rendered moot and/or accommodated, and that presently pending claims 33-47 are in condition for review. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and the presently pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-1400.

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